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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: AAFLI'S PROGRAM IN THAILAND

REF: A) BANGKOK 18794; B) STATE 200420; C) STATE 9635

1. IN PREPARATION FOR CHARGE'S SEPTEMBER 1 APPOINTMENT WITH INTERIOR MINISTER SAMAK, EMBASSY LABOR OFFICER CALLED ON SUWIT YINGWORAPHAN, DIRECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR ON AUGUST 29 TO DISCUSS STATUS OF ASIAN-AMERICAN FREE LABOR INSTITUTE (AAFLI) IN THAILAND.

2. SUWIT CONFIRMED THAT ON AUGUST 2 HE REQUESTED AAFLI REPRESENTATIVES

GARZA AND SUAZO SUSPEND ALL ACTIVITIES IN THAILAND. SUWIT SAID REQUEST WAS IN CONTEXT OF GENERAL NATIONAL SECURITY REVIEW OF ALL INTERNATIONAL LABOR ASSISTANCE ORGANIZATIONS OPERATING IN THAILAND AND

WAS NOT AIMED AT AAFLI PER SE. HE SAID SOME ORGANIZATIONS, I.E. FRIEDRICH EBERT STIFTUNG, ARE CONTINUING THEIR ACTIVITIES IN VIOLATION

OF MARTIAL LAW REGULATIONS BUT DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK.

3. SUWIT SAID AAFLI'S PENDING APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION WILL NOW BE CONSIDERED BY THE INTER-MINISTERIAL WORKING GROUP WHICH WILL MAKE CONFIDENTIAL

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RECOMMENDATION TO RTG CABINET. TO SPEED UP PROCESSING OF APPLICATION, SUWIT RECOMMENDED THAT EMBASSY SEND LETTER OF SUPPORT TO MINISTER OF INTERIOR. (EMBASSY WILL CONSIDER THIS FOLLOWING CHARGE'S MEETING WITH MINISTER SAMAK).

4. SUWIT SAID CABINET IS NOW CONSIDERING PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH GENERAL

MECHANISM TO REGULATE LABOR ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. PROPOSAL CALLS FOR LABOR ASSISTANCE ORGANIZATIONS TO SUBMIT "MASTER PLAN" TO DOL AND RECEIVE PRIOR RTG APPROVAL OF EACH ACTIVITY. SUWIT SAID CABINET HAS POSTPONED ACTING ON PROPOSAL DUE TO OTHER URGENT BUSINESS BUT HOPES CABINET WILL REACH DECISION THIS SEPTEMBER.

5. LABOR OFFICER NOTED CONCERN OF DEPARTMENT AND AFL-CIO OVER SUSPENSION OF AAFLI'S ACTIVITIES AND REQUESTED SUWIT HELP RESOLVE AAFLI'S STATUS AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE.

6. COMMENT: CHARGE WILL USE SEPTEMBER ONE CALL ON SAMAK TO MAKE POINTS

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